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Shriram Ramanathan et al.)
Serial No.: 10/611,395)
Filed: June 30, 2003)
For: Methods for Bonding Wafers Using a Metal Interlayer)
Examiner: N. Berezny)
Group Art Unit: 2813)
Attorney Docket No.: P16666)
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following amendments and remarks are proposed in response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2004.

Claims 1-42 were pending in the application, but claims 28-42 have been withdrawn from further consideration. Claims 1-11 and 13-26 have been rejected, and claims 12 and 27 stand objected to. Applicants propose herein to amend claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, 13-15, and 21-25.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments set forth herein and the accompanying remarks.

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